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USEFUL INFORMATION

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EVENTS, CONFERENCES, JOBS, NEWS OF INTEREST

EVENTS

VACLAV HAVEL'S COMEDY THE MEMORANDUM

The Department of Theatre presents Vaclav Havel's best known comedy, The Memorandum, from February 14 - 17th at 20:00 p.m. at the Chameleon Studio, 7141 Sherbrooke St. W. Matinee performances have been scheduled on February 16 & 17th at 14:00 p.m. Performances are free; no reservations are available, and seating is on a first come, first serve basis. The Memorandum won New York's Obie Award for the best foreign play in 1968.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES AT LOYOLA CHAPEL

The Liturgy of Ashes will be available on Wednesday, February 13th at 12:05 p.m. at the Loyola Chapel and at 14:00 p.m. at 2090 MacKay, Annex 2.

MCGILL CENTRE FOR DEVELOPING AREA STUDIES

On February 18, 1991, the McGill Centre for Developing Area Studies presents a seminar series on gender issues in South Asia with a presentation by Thérèse Blanchet. She will speak on "Purdah Stereotyping in Development Discourse: The Case of Bangladesh" at 12:30 p.m. in Seminar Room 100, 3715 Peel.

EQUALITY EVE CELEBRATION TEA HELD AT SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR INSTITUTE

On Thursday, February 14, 1991 an Equality Eve Celebration Tea was held at the Institute from 14:30 - 16:00 p.m. The tea was organized to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the entrenchment of women's rights in the Canadian Constitution.



## EVENTS CONTINUED

### THE SdeB INSTITUTE PRESENTS THE YOU AND GOVERNMENT SERIES

The Simone de Beauvoir Institute is pleased to present three guest speakers as part of a general theme titled "You and Government." The theme marks the twentieth anniversary of the publication of the Report on the Status of Women by the Royal Commission on the Status of Women.

Regena Kaye Russell. L.L.B., McGill Institute of Comparative Law and graduate of the Simone de Beauvoir Institute, will speak on Monday, February 25, 1991 at 12:00 noon in the Institute's lounge. Regena Kaye Russell will speak on "Feminist Approaches to Welfare Reform in Quebec: Implications for Women and Children."

Dr. Ruth Roach Pierson will speak at 20:30 p.m. Monday, March 11, 1991 in the Hall Building, Room 820. Dr. Pierson's topic will be "Experience, Difference, Dominance, and Voice in the Writing of Canadian Women's History."

Dr. Krishna Ahooja-Patel will speak on Tuesday, March 12, 1991 at 16:00 p.m. in the Institute's lounge. Her topic will be "Women and Development: Evolution of Methodology in the United Nations System."

The Simone de Beauvoir Institute is located at 2170 Bishop. Call 848-2373 for further information.

### CASTRO'S CUBA: TWO OPPOSING VIEWS

The Concordia Central American Committee and CUTV present two documentaries on Castro's Cuba on Friday, February 15 at 19:00 in the Hall Building, Room 651. The two films to be presented are: The Uncompromising Revolution by Saul Landou and Nobody Listened by Cuban exiles. For more information call 848-7410.

### KATE MILLETT AT CEGEP DU VIEUX-MONTREAL

Regroupement des ressources alternatives en santé mentale du Québec vous invitent à une soirée d'ouverture du congrès d'orientation 1991. Conférencière invitée Kate Millett parlera sur le thème "L'illusion de la maladie mentale", le 20 février à 19h à l'auditorium Le Tritorium au CEGEP du Vieux-Montréal, 225, rue Ontario est (métro Berri). Mme Millett parlera en anglais, et il y aura traduction. Contribution minimale: 5.00\$, contribution volontaire: 10\$. Entrée gratuite pour les délégués au congrès du R.R.A.S.M.Q. Pour renseignements: 848-1052.



## **EVENTS CONTINUED**

### **GLENDA SIMMS SPEAKS AT MCGILL CELEBRATION OF BLACK WOMEN**

The McGill University Black Students' Network, The Congress of Black Women, the Coloured Women's Club, and the Collective of Black Women were pleased to present Glenda Simms, President of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women. The multimedia event took place on Monday, February 11th.

### **FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

A reminder that the National Film Board is celebrating Black History Month with two evenings of outstanding films by Canadian and American artists on February 18 & 25 at 19:00 and 21:00 p.m. The films will be shown at the NFB cinema, Complexe Guy-Favreau, lower level, 200 René Lévesque blvd. West (métro Place d'Armes). Admission is free; seating is limited. Tickets will be available 30 minutes before each screening. Call 283-4755 for further information.

### **CONCORDIA CONCERT HALL SERIES**

Concordia's concert hall is located at 7141 Sherbrooke St. W. Admission is free to all concerts. The following is a list of upcoming performances.

Friday, February 22-24	Electroacoustics Concert. 20:00
Thursday, February 28	Tom Van Setters-Jazz Concert. 20:00
Thursday, March 7	John Geary, Guitar Recital. 20:00
Saturday, March 9	Concordia Orchestra. 20:00
Wednesday, March 13	New Music at Concordia. 20:00
Thursday, March 14	Charles Ellison Jazz Sextet. 20:00
Friday, March 15 (tickets: \$15.00)	Elizabeth Hepburn, Soprano. 20:00
Sunday, March 17	Laura Fenster, Piano Recital. 20:00

## EVENTS CONTINUED

### MCGILL STUDENT ASSOCIATION SPONSORS NAOMI WOLF

Naomi Wolf, author of The Beauty Myth will discuss her book on Monday, March 4, 1991 at 17:30 p.m. in the Frank Dawson Adams Auditorium at 3480 McTavish. Sponsored by the Programming Network Students Society, Naomi will speak on "Beauty Myth: Ways in Which Images of Female Beauty are Being Used as a Weapon Against Women's Advancement." Please call 398-6778 for further information.

### PANEL ON WOMEN, PROSTITUTION, AND THE LAW AT MCGILL

McGill Women and the Law, and Lawyers for Social Responsibility are sponsoring a panel discussion on Women, Prostitution, and the Law on Thursday, February 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 13:00 p.m. in the Moot Court Room at McGill's Faculty of Law, 3644 Peel. The four panelist are Marie Arrington of P.O.W.E.R.; Sylvie Bergeron, a streetworker with Passages in Montréal; Katherine Lippel, law professor at U.Q.A.M.; and Susan Drummond, social worker from Halifax.

## NEWS OF INTEREST

Congratulations to Dyana Werden Asimakos on the successful defence of her master's thesis on "Women's Language: an image/word conjunction."

Dr. Sherene Razack's new book Canadian Feminism and the Law has just been released by Second Story Press. The book will have it's official release in April 1991. See attached.

The Concordia University Alumni Association will celebrate the official opening of a new alumni association chapter in Ottawa on Thursday, March 21. The opening reception will be held in the Fountain Room of the National Arts Centre from 19:00-21:00 p.m.

The Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University has announced that effective September, 1991, the university will be offering a bachelor in Environmental Studies (BES), and a Ph.D. in Environmental Studies programme. The two new programmes will compliment the established Masters in Environmental Studies (MES) programme.

Modern Languages and Linguistics CH-134 has located to 6944 Monkland Ave (entennial Building). Advisors or coordinators for this department will no longer be available on the Sir George Campus.



## **NEWS OF INTEREST CONTINUED**

Boréal multimédia présente "Forêt Féconde: art laurentien féminin le 22 février au 21 mars 1991 à le centre d'exposition de la gare, l'Anonciation, Québec. Le centre d'exposition est ouvert lundi à samedi: 13H à 17h. Voir l'affiche sur la babillard "affaires culturelles".

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Association for Canadian Studies Conference has issued a call for papers for the conference on "Theoretical Discourse in the Canadian Intellectual Community" on September 24-27, 1991. The purpose of the conference is to provide an account of the state of theoretical discourse in Canada circa 1991. The conference intends to examine the cognitive structures of our scientific and disciplinary practices. Major fields of interest: social space, ethics, social differences, personality/individuation and institutions/institutionalisation. Please submit your proposals, before May 15, 1991, to the Association for Canadian Studies, P.O. Box 8888, Station A, Montréal, Québec, H3C 3P8. Telephone: (514) 987-7784.

## **CONFERENCES**

### **CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE**

The Canadian Mental Health Association will hold a national conference on "Women and Mental Health---Women in a Violent Society" from May 9-12, 1991 in Banff, Alberta. This conference is being held in enthusiastic response to an earlier conference on women and mental health in 1989, and a conference on social, economic and political perspectives which was held in Banff in May, 1989. Further information about the conference is available by calling (416) 484-7750. Accommodations will be at the Banff Springs Hotel. Conference registration by March 15, 1991 will cost \$150.00; reservations after this date will cost \$200.00.

### **QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE ON ART AND SOCIETY**

A conference on "Fragmented Power: The Voice of Art for the Year 2000," will be held in Kingston, Ontario, on May 22 & 23, 1991. The conference is being held to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the reunion of Canadian artists held at Queen's. The theme of this conference is "The Artist in Society." Further information may be obtained by contacting Cindy Rannells, Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Queen's University, Kingston, K7L 3N6, telephone: (613) 545-2190.

## CONFERENCES CONTINUED

### CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND POVERTY

"Who's Holding the Purse-Strings?" is the title for the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women conference on March 12. Glenda Simms, President of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women will present the key-note address at 20:00 at the Holiday Inn, Ambassador Salon, 420 Sherbrooke Street West. No reservations are necessary; refreshments will be served. Simultaneous translation and sign-language services will be available. For further information, contact Catherine London at the Montréal CACSW regional office 283-3123.

### GRADUATE AWARDS NEWS

One Sir John A. MacDonald Graduate Fellowship in Canadian History is available for an Ontario resident intending to start a Ph.D. in Canadian History. The award is for a duration of three years at an Ontario University. The application deadline is March 5 for students registered in an Ontario University, and March 22 for all other students.

An unspecified number of Environment Canada scholarships are available to students in graduate programs in meteorology, atmospheric physics and chemistry, computing science, mathematics and physical geography. The deadline for application is March 1, 1991.

One Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship in Parliamentary Studies, Saskatchewan Education, is available to a student who holds a bachelor's degree in any discipline and is enrolled or intending to enroll in graduate or post-graduate studies related to Saskatchewan Politics and Government. This award is for study at either the University of Regina or the University of Saskatchewan.

Three Association Canadienne-Francaise pour L'avancement des Sciences Bourses Fernand-Seguin are available for study in Journalism. Candidates must be residents of Québec and have never worked full-time for a news agency. The deadline for application is March 8, 1991.

Five Transportation Association of Canada Scholarships for 1991-92 are available for students who are currently registered as full-time graduate students. Preference will be given to those with relevant work experience. The application deadline is March 15, 1991.



#### GRADUATE AWARDS NEWS CONTINUED

An unspecified number of Bellairs Research Institute in Barbados Graduate Fellowships are available for graduate and Ph.D.level of study in marine biology, marine behavioral and avian ecology, geography and geology. Candidates should be registered in graduate studies and may apply at any point in their research program for a fellowship. Applicants must submit a covering letter of support from the research supervisor and chairman of the academic unit, a research plan, a c.v., and an estimate of the time required at Bellairs. The deadline for applications is march 29, 1991.

An unspecified number of Peterhouse, Cambridge Research Studentships are available in unspecified fields of study for students who are applying for admission to a doctoral program. Students must be under 25 years of age as of December 1, 1991. The awards are for a maximum of three years. Preference will be given to candidates who nominate Peterhouse as their college of first preference. The deadline for application is April 1, 1991.

Ten masters and seven Doctoral Foundation Desjardins scholarships are available in unrestricted fields for one year of study in a Québec University. Students may be entering or currently registered as full-time students in a graduate degree program. Application deadline is March 1, 1991.

An unspecified number of Imperial College of Science Technology & Medicine awards are available to students in the following fields of study: civil and structural engineering; concrete structures, mineral resources, applied geochemistry, geophysics, mineral exploration, mining geology, mining and technology or extraction metallurgy. These awards are open to candidates who hold a first degree, and some awards require relevant work experience. Applicants must apply directly to: The Registrar, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, London, England, S27 2AZ. The deadline for applications is March 15, 1991.

Ten Illinois State University College of Arts & Science Scholarships are available in the field of Arts and Sciences. The scholarships are open to non-U.S. candidates who have completed the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree. The awards are open to Visa students. The award value is composed of tuition for two semesters, one summer session, plus \$600 a month for ten months at Illinois State University. The deadline for application is March 15, 1991.

**GRADUATE AWARDS NEWS CONTINUED**

Fifty-five Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation (CMHC) Scholarship Program for Graduate Studies in Housing are available to Canadian citizens or permanent residents who are entering or registered in a full-time master's or doctoral program. Interested candidates are requested to apply directly to the university you propose to attend by March 18, 1991.





# SECOND STORY

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## CANADIAN FEMINISM AND THE LAW

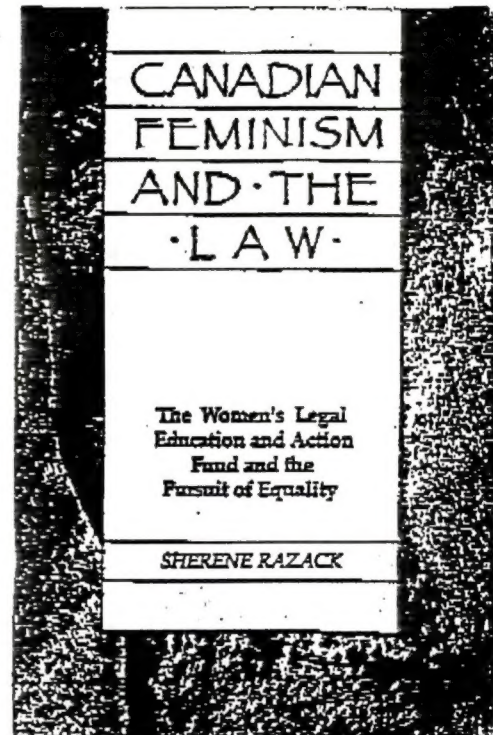
The Women's Legal Education and Action Fund  
and the Pursuit of Equality

by SHERENE RAZACK, PH.D.

Systems of laws and statutes often act against the best interests of women and minorities. No organization has been more active or successful in fighting the inequalities and abuses of the law than the Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF), a feminist advocacy group established to bring forward cases under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

In a penetrating analysis of women's rights before the law, Razack considers the history of LEAF and its work. She begins by exploring the language of rights in liberal theory and the impact of postmodernist thought on our understanding of the issue. Razack then considers the role of women in the legal system, and how the law fails to address adequately the situation of women.

Razack continues by charting the course of LEAF litigation. She reviews the cases on which the organization has focussed, the legal issues involved, and the feminist principles which come into play. In total, she has compiled a compelling case study of legal advocacy with implications for all those struggling to create a more equitable body of law.



"There is no other study in which a specific group has received such a careful, well-researched analysis. *Feminism and the Law* is positively path-breaking and will certainly form a reference point for all subsequent scholars of feminism in Canada. It is an important contribution to both an understanding of rights discourse and the feminist movement in Canada."

Marjorie Cohen, Associate Professor, Sociology, O.I.S.E.

**The Author:** Sherene Razack teaches Women's Studies at the Simone de Beauvoir Institute of Concordia University. In the fall of 1991 she will be in the Department of Adult Education, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

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